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LOCAL OPTION FIGHT INCREASES IN HEAT

OPPOSING COMMITTEES STRENUOUSLY AT WORK.

A Meeting and Organization of Business Men Against Prohibition.

The local option fight yesterday reached the highest recorded temperature of the campaign but the indications are that it will go still higher. A large committee of the Anti-Saloon league canvassed the streets and business houses for signatures to a statement declaring in favor of prohibition. This move was decided upon at a men's meeting held the night before. When the business men who are opposing prohibition heard of it a meeting was called to be held at the Commercial hotel at one o'clock. It was attended by merchants and business men representing a large majority of the stores in the city and it was stated at the meeting that many others had been detained but were in sympathy with the object of the meeting.

The situation was discussed fully and there was a general agreement that prohibition at this time would be disadvantageous to Phoenix.

Two general propositions were voted on though others were considered and unanimity of sentiment regarding them was developed. The first proposition was a resolution against the signature of any prohibition petition.

That was carried unanimously. The main one though was the following statement: "We, the undersigned business men and tax payers, while favoring the stringent regulation of the liquor traffic, believe it inadvisable, under existing conditions, to close the licensed saloons in the city of Phoenix." There was a unanimous vote in favor of the statement which was then signed by all present, seventy-six, representing every line in the city and said to represent about one-half the taxable wealth of the city.

It was stated that the list of signatures would be greatly increased, first by men actually engaged in business and after that by all who are interested in the growth of Phoenix.

George Halm was chairman of the meeting and Sidney Goldman was secretary. It was announced that another meeting would be called in a day or two.

Another accomplishment of the meeting was the organization of a Business Men's Association, for the consideration from time to time, of the needs of Phoenix, such as were brought in the course of various speeches.

Through all these speeches, ran an expression of regret at the change that had come over the community in the last three or four years. Previous to that time strangers, coming to Phoenix were impressed by the spirit of harmony which prevailed, a working together for the greater Phoenix, a mutual helpfulness which seemed to be based on a recognition that what was for the advantage of one was for the advantage of all.

Within the last three years there had come a spirit of contention, growing out of constant and foolish agitation which had set the town by the ears, so that the stranger on his arrival heard first of the coarseness of this man or the other, and very little of the greatness of Phoenix.

It was believed that if the business men could get together they could put down this agitation and restore the healthful sentiment which formerly prevailed when Phoenix really began to grow.

LAW GOVERNING THE PRIMARY ELECTION

EXTRACTS BEARING ON THE PRINCIPAL POINTS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW TODAY

Careless Marking of Ballot May Defeat the Purpose of the Elector.

The city primary election will be held today and herewith is presented a synopsis of the primary law so far as it pertains to city elections, and to the principal things the voters should know in their exercise of the ballot today. The law covers about twenty-five pages in the statute book and a great many things that are not here referred to, involving all the details of election, organization of parties, etc. Only such things as the voter may require to know today have been extracted and are presented in the form of legal verbiage. The chief points to impress are these:

That today will be named the men who are to represent the various parties in the later election. There will be no conventions. The primary law takes the place of the old time conventions, so those who would help name the candidates must vote, and seek by petition to get their names on the official ballot for the regular election. That involves considerable work and trouble and is not often resorted to.

Attention is called to the sentence printed in capital letters below, which is the most important one of all for the careless voter who may thoughtlessly lose his entire vote by marking on his partisan ticket the name of some friend on another ticket. If he feels that he must go outside his party at the primary, his only hope to accomplish such is to fill out one of the blank tickets and hope for his man or men to get the highest number of all the nonpartisan votes. But in doing that with a list of all the offices to be voted for, he may lose the nomination of some particular party candidate he was for.

Extracts From Law.

The primary for any city election must be held thirty days before any such election.

The name of no candidate shall be printed upon an official ballot used at any primary unless at least forty days

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Yesterday there was recorded a mortgage made by the Orchard Grove Investment company in favor of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in the sum of \$18,500. The premises covered by the mortgage was the well known, two-story brick building on the northeast corner of Adams and First AV. The loan was made for three years and bears interest at six per cent.

The making of this loan is one of the most promising marks of progress in the city of Phoenix, and incidentally the Salt river valley, that has taken place for a long time. It means that one of the most conservative financial institutions in this country, as well as one of the largest of these institutions, has decided to invest substantial sums of money in the city of Phoenix. This, of course, means that where a most substantial and conservative institution can safely come with its money, other institutions may safely follow, and it is confidently expected that in the near future other large financial institutions which have been doing business in the territory will begin to make advantageous loans at reasonable rates of interest. The reduced rate of interest at which this loan is made is noticeable, but it is not so important as the fact that an institution such as the Equitable Life is willing to loan any of its money in the city of Phoenix.

nix. This fact clearly demonstrates the stability of property values in this city, and puts Phoenix in a class by itself in the territory.

The Equitable Life should also have the credit of being the pioneer in the territory of investments of this character, as it is today the only one of the large eastern financial institutions which has made any such investment in Arizona.

This loan was procured through the assistance of the Elliot Evans Co., of this city, as brokers, and to this enterprising firm in a large measure is due the credit for having procured the placing of the first loan of this character, which has been made in the territory.

The Union Bank and Trust company of this city acted as the depository of the funds of the Equitable pending the closing of the loan.

Upon closing the transaction, the interests of the society were represented by Attorney Wm. M. Seabury of the Phoenix building, with whom was associated Messrs. Alexander and Christy. The agency manager of the company in Phoenix, however, is Wm. D. Shaw, with offices in the Lewis Block.

TRYING HARD.

"I am trying to keep my boy from using slang."

"Don't you find it hard?"

"By George, yes! No matter how often I lecture him, he doesn't seem to get wise to the fact that I am earnest."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A MERE MAN'S IDEA.

"Does your wife intend to wear one of those harem skirts?"

"I don't know," replied Mr. Penni-

wise. "I hope she will consent to economy."

—Washington Star.

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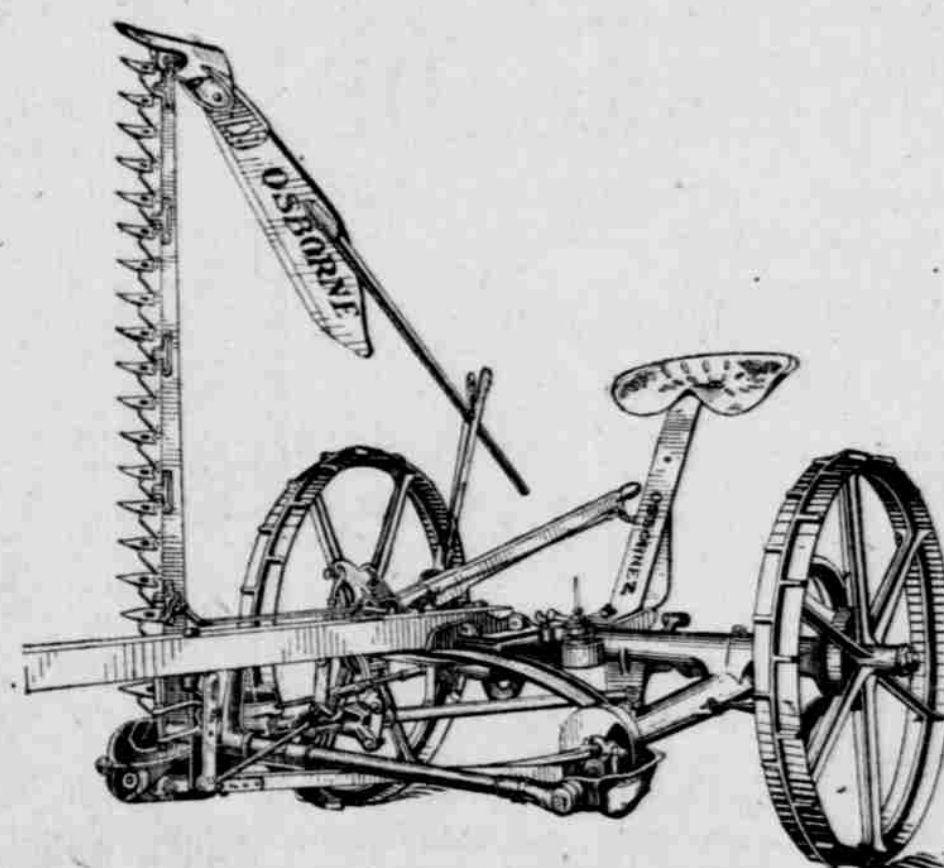
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